

**Combined Residents of Whitehorse
Action Group (CROWAG) Incorporated.**

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Candidate Questionnaire, Whitehorse Council Elections – October 2024

Name of Councillor candidate: [Euan Thomas](#)

Whitehorse Council Ward: [Eley Ward](#)

The *Combined Residents of Whitehorse Action Group Inc. (CROWAG)* represents a number of community groups and individual members across the municipality. In the current COVID-19 environment we are seeking to assist candidates to reach our members, helping them to make informed decisions when they vote.

CROWAG advocates for appropriate and sustainable development concerning built-form, public amenity, and the natural landscape within Whitehorse to all tiers of government. It seeks to promote the quality of life for residents and the natural landscape of Whitehorse. It lobbies Whitehorse Council to improve its relationship with its constituents in the areas of public accountability, public transparency, good governance, community engagement, fairness and equity.

Your responses to this questionnaire will be made available:

- a. to all CROWAG individual and group members and their networks within Whitehorse
- b. on the CROWAG website at www.crowag.com

QUESTIONNAIRE:

Please answer all questions and keep written responses to each question to less than 150 words.

1. How long have you been a resident of Whitehorse?

- 0-5 years
- 6-10 years
- 11-15 years
- 16-20 years
- 20+ years

2. Do you live in the council ward for which you are a candidate?

Yes or No

3. List the community, political and/or professional organisations with which you are a member during the last 10 years.

Due to my disability and chronic pain I'm limited in what I can do. I was a volunteer telephone counsellor for the Men's Referral Line – No to violence. I sing with the Victorian Welsh Male Choir. I was also a volunteer on council's disability committee. I am an active member of the ALP Box Hill Branch. I'm an active swimmer and use Aqualink on a very regular basis.

4. What positive achievements resulted from your membership of these groups?

I have a very deep commitment to social justice issues and being involved with these groups reinforces that commitment.

5. Please state what you want to achieve as an elected Councillor

To stop the privatisation and outsourcing of council services. Improve the uptake of renewable energy by council and the community

6. What are the top five issues you believe could improve the functioning of the *Whitehorse City Council* in representing its ratepayers and community?

- 1) Bring aged care services back under council control
- 2) Keep the swimming pools and gyms under council control
- 3) Keep rate increases to a minimum.
- 4) Being transparent and open on all decisions
- 5) Sustainability of council operations.

9. **The following Issues of specific interest to CROWAG.**

In the boxes below, please **rank the priority of the areas of interest** in order of importance **to you** from 1 (Most important) to 10 (Least important). Please do not use the same ranking number more than once.

5	Engagement with residents and ratepayers
1	Transparency and governance in council matters
2	Managing Climate Change and Sustainability.
4	Administrative and budgetary efficiency.

3	Retaining council oversight for planning and development
10	Speeding up Planning and development by reducing council oversight.
9	Advocating for the Federation Brickworks site to be parkland
7	Enhancing the city's natural landscape, parks, tree canopy, streetscape, and overarching neighbourhood amenity
6	Improvement of Infrastructure for walkers, cyclists, and people with disabilities
Rank 8	Managing traffic and parking

10. If you have any further comments please note them below:

Retaining control over planning and development is going to be very difficult as the state government has taken control over it. I would like to see council develop an improved traffic management plan for Middleborough Road.

Thank you for completing the CROWAG questionnaire.

Please save your completed questionnaire and send it as an attachment by email to 'Whitehorse Councillor Candidate Responses' at: crowag.inc@gmail.com